S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
17.	Hughes Ispat Ltd., Bombay	Hughes electronic Corp USA	26.6%	533.33
		ALLTEL, USA	13.4%	266.66
18.	US WEST BPL Telecom, Bangalore	US West Cellular Investment Co. Mauritus	49%*	92.31
		US West International Holding Inc England		
19.	Bharti Telenet Ltd., New Delhi	STET International SPA Italy	11%	33.00
		STET International Netherland	22%	66.00

*Proposed combined Foreign Equity.

Target for the Installation of Telephones in Gram Panchayats

889. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise targets fixed by Government regarding the telephones to be installed in the Gram Panchayats of the rural areas in the country during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of targets achieved as on the 30th October, 1995 State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The State-wise targets fixed by Government regarding the telephones to be installed in the Gram Panchayats of the Rural areas in the country for the first two financial years of the Eighth Five Year Plan *viz.* 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 21]

Govt. subsequently adopted National Telecom Policy during the year 1994 which envisages provision of public telephone facility to all the villages of the country progressively by the year 1997. The State-wise targets of such village public telephones during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are also given in annex. The State-wise targets for the year 1996-97 are under finalisation.

(b) The State-wise details of targets of village public telephones achieved upto 31.10.1995 are also given in the Annexure above.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 21]

(c) Plans have been drawn out for making necessary resources available to meet the target of providing 1,05,000 village public telephones during the current financial year. For the subsequent period, plans are being formulated on the basis of techno-ecnomic survey for providing public telephone facility to the remaining villages. Provide operators who are proposed to be licensed in the near future, will have a special obligation to link villages with public telephones.

India's Concern over Chinese Military Build-up

890. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rapid Chinese Military build-up concern for neighbours" as reported in the Statesman, dated the 15th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether there is any danger to India on the Chinese Military build-up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the preventive measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government keeps a constant watch on developments which have a bearing on India's security and is taking all appropriate steps to safeguard the security of the country.

Scrapping the Bidding Process for Joint Ventures in Oil

891. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minsiter of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to scrap the bidding process for joint ventures in oil and propose to opt for another method;

(b) if so, the details of the new system method Government propose to opt;

(c) whether the oil reserves and production is falling steeply; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) and (d) The decline in crude production was arrested in 1992-93 and the production of crude has increased since then. In order to improve the rate of reserve accretion in the currrent plan, Government have approved an Accelerated Programe for Exploration at an estimated cost of Rs. 6500 crores.

Indian Protest Against Executions in Nigeria

892. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent executions in Nigeria of a number of well-known human rights activists;

(b) whether any formal protest about these executions have been posted with Nigerian authorities on India's behalf; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to withdraw our representation in Nigera in view of these developments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India is a party to the Queenstown Declaration of the Commonwealth Heads of Government of November 11, 1995 suspending Nigeria from the Commonwealth.

(c) No, Sir.

Import of Petroleum Products

893. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of petroleum and petroleum products proposed to be imported during 1995-96;

(b) the total outlay of foreign excchange on account of such imports;

(c) the agencies under the auspices of which these imports have been and are being undertaken; and

(d) whether, in the finalisation of the import arrangements, these agencies have been recipients of commissions or have been called upon to pay commissions to agencies overseas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND